

OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Meeting Date April 30, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Putnam

Allyn Feinberg

Tom Isaacson

Shelley Dunbar

Frances Hartogh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Patton

Jim Reeder

Dean Paschall

Eric Stone

Ronda Romero

Marianne Giolitto

Jim Schmidt

Mark Gershman Leah Case

Kesha Robitaille

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Approval of Minutes

Allyn Feinberg had a correction to the March 14, 2012 minutes on page 2, fourth paragraph, correcting the spelling of Karen Hollweg's name to the aforementioned. She would also like the addition of the following wording, "not all things discussed in the framework impacts OSMP" to the second to the last paragraph on page 3. Allyn moved to approve the March 14, 2012 minutes as amended. Shelley seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Frances Hartogh had a correction to the April 11, 2012 on page 5, third paragraph down, when she spoke about icy trails, she would like to include the wording, "to encourage users not to increase trail width to avoid ice." Tom Isaacson would like it included in the minutes who voted for or against each motion. He noted on page 9, Shelley Dunbar was against the second and the third motions. On page 10, Frances was against the forth motion. Shelley had a correction on page 3, last paragraph, when she asked Dave Carter to comment on his fence; she would like to clarify "his and other bison ranchers' fence designs." Shelley also had a correction on page 8, fourth paragraph, third sentence should read, "Shelley asked how the county got to that number." Allyn Feinberg moved to approve the April 11, 2012 as amended. Frances Hartogh seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Public Participation

None.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – Director's Updates

Visitor Survey-

Marianne Giolitto, Wetlands and Riparian Ecologist, gave a presentation on the Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Visitor's Survey (presentation saved in S:OSMP\OSBT\Memos 2012\Visitor Survey\ Visitor Survey April 30 OSBT as well as in the Board book). The presentation highlighted visitor characteristics, visitors' rating OSMP services, visitors' rating other OSMP visitors, and visitor conflicts. The results of this data were presented.

Frances Hartogh asked how many access points were used to give the survey and what Marianne meant by south Mesa. Marianne said south Mesa is right across from Doudy Draw off of Eldorado Springs Dr. She also noted they visited 142 places with specific sampling sites and went to the popular places more often to get more people. Frances asked if the survey shows the number of surveys given at each location. Marianne said yes. Tom Isaacson asked if South Boulder Creek has the highest percentage of conflict because east and west were lumped together. Marianne said it included from Marshall Mesa up to Bobolink and covered the East Boulder Recreation Center. Tom said half of that is a no-dog area and it is a wide trail. Marianne said that is the issue. Shelley Dunbar asked why pencils were used verses pens; she does not want her answers changed. Marianne said it is less expensive, but staff can look into changing utensils. Shelley also noted she did not like handing the survey to a person/survey taker, she recommended putting the completed survey into a box or a basket. Marianne said staff can talk about this during the debrief.

John asked how much of this data will be included in the various white papers. Mark Gershman noted some of this information will be going out in a few of the white papers tomorrow. The white paper regarding dogs will be included in the coming weeks. This data will be given to the Board when it is given to the public. John asked if these will be sent to Friends Interested in Dogs and Open Space (FIDOS) and Friends of Boulder Open Space (FOBOS) and similar groups. Mark said staff will try to make them available to all by posting them on the Website.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board

In response to a question from Allyn, John Putnam said the retreat will be scheduled for May 23 and he wanted to clarify the agenda. John asked Mike Patton to clarify the bison discussion. Mike said due to timing constraints, staff will be making a recommendation; it will go to council June 5. Mike said it should take about an hour and not much has changed from a staff perspective, but he believes there will be a fair amount of public participation. John asked if there can be a designated time to start this topic. The Board agreed to start the study session at 3 or 4. John said the other things he would like to talk about at the study session are: schedule and priorities for the rest of the year staff layout which includes overarching issues, dogs, nighttime use, parking, and commercial use. He said the second issue to be discussed is regarding trail maintenance. The third discussion is regional trail connections. The fourth is carrying capacity. He noted this might be something the Board may want to wait for the white paper before discussing. Finally, he said timing and process for the North Trail Study Area (NTSA) and East Trail Study Area (ETSA) should be discussed. He said in order to have a robust conversation they should pick four of the five issues. He recommended tabling the carrying capacity discussion until the white papers come out.

Frances Hartogh said she would like to keep long-term sustainability of Open Space front and center; she likes the idea of keeping the TSAs on the agenda for discussion and asked whether or not they should be called “TSAs.” John Putnam said this is the kind of conversation the Board should have. John said carrying capacity sort of covers long-term sustainability. Frances said she thinks long-term sustainability encompasses carrying capacity. Shelley agreed. Allyn clarified carrying capacity is what council identified as an overarching issue. Allyn asked what the discussion about trail maintenance entailed. John said people want an update. Mike said staff does a trail update each year and can easily prepare for a conversation. It is a great conversation because staff is aggressive about this topic and if staff is missing the mark, he would like everyone to be on the same page. Tom asked for the cost and coverage if there is one extra trail crew leader and how that would change the amount of coverage OSMP gets. He said spot maintenance could help get rid of social trails; it is very cost effective to have crews tackle small projects before they become bigger problems. Mike said this is a great conversation to have during the overarching issues discussion. Frances asked the Board to include trail maintenance on the retreat agenda and have a discussion about informational signage as well. All agreed. John said they can combine the TSA and regional connections conversations to keep the items numbered to four. John said he would like more maps, matrices and data than memos. He would like a focus on data verses memos. John would like a matrix on regional connections presented, he handed out a copy of an example. Shelley wanted to clarify what the four items being discussed are. John reiterated: schedule and priorities for the year, trail maintenance and condition, regional connections/TSAs and long-term sustainability.

John wanted to follow up on the Animal Farming Operation (AFO) recommendation on the Imel complex. He recommended the Board draft a thank-you letter which he will write and send around. All agreed this would be a good idea and they will read his draft when it is ready.

Greenways CIP-

John Putnam asked Mark Gershman to share his thoughts. Mark said John is the OSMP liaison and listed the other Boards on the committee. He noted one of the issues that comes under discussion every year around budget time is the CIP so a recommendation can be made to the Planning Board. Mark said the memo included Annie Noble’s capital budget and the kinds of projects being considered. Wonderland and Fourmile Creeks are going to be improved between 19th St. and 2nd St. and connections between 30th St. and 26th St. to the Elks property. Members will be asked to endorse the CIP to open and join Palo Park. The other project along Wonderland is an underpass under 28th St., there is a home for the elderly off of Elks St. organizers are looking to build an underpass there. OSMP works with the Greenways staff every year on various projects, they now have a full-time position to work with their seasonal crew. OSMP crews work closely with them and share expertise. Last year they were involved in

a fencing project along Fourmile Canyon Creek to discourage dogs from being in the riparian area. Mark said OSMP will be working on the restoration of Goose Creek, that restoration is being largely funded by the Corp of Engineers. OSMP hopes to get improvements to Goose Creek and restore wetland at Cottonwood Pond. Eric Fairlee is looking into making this a historically consistent wetland. OSMP tries to find mutually beneficial projects. Staff did pass on a recommendation from the Board about small native fish. Finally he said, staff is working to get the Grassland Plan into the Greenways Plan also.

John Putnam noted the work Allyn Feinberg did years ago on small-scale projects has really pushed along this effort. The CIP looks good, but he would like to know whether the Board has questions or comments to include at the June 12 discussion. If anyone would like to join the tour, Mark said they are tentatively planning to meet at the Elks Club. Allyn asked if the lottery contribution is being reduced in 2015. Mark said he does not know. Mike Patton said those are projections based on what OSMP knows currently. He said staff is diverting funds to other uses, the Lottery Fund goes to constitutionally defined projects. Allyn noted the amount the reduction will be in 2015. Mark said they may have something to do with the projections because there is an agreement between Parks and Open Space regarding the Lottery Fund, but staff will follow up. Allyn asked about the operating expenses showing up in a different place. Mark said other city departments' CIPs do not do it that way and now it is showing up in this CIP. Allyn asked if this is discrete to the Greenway's program or do those operating expenses reside in the operating budgets of other departments. Mark said they fund the portion of the non-CIP operating budget and they are trying to stabilize functions.

John Putnam brought up Bike to Work Month and asked staff to email information due to the hour.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – Consideration of a request from the Boulder County Transportation Department to convey fee ownership on 2.513 acres of Open Space land (.837 acres of net new Right of Way) along the south side of Niwot Rd. immediately east of 55th St. This is a disposal of Open Space Lands pursuant to Section 177 of the Boulder City Charter.*

Jim Schmidt, Real Estate, gave a presentation on the disposal along the south side of Niwot Rd. Jim explained how this is a unique property and that the county has a roadway easement abutting Open Space. When the county came to OSMP with this project they asked for an additional 15 ft. They would like to clear up the north side fence to the road. By disposing this land, OSMP would be saving a line of trees. The area is .067 of an acre in the 15 ft strip. It does have a prairie dog conservation designation of which staff has informed the county. It is part of the staff recommendation the county goes through and does prairie dog maintenance. Heather Swanson said the prairie dogs can be passively relocated (shooed down the way) so the county can go on with the project. Left Hand Water District buried a water line along this strip of land so it does not have a lot of good vegetation on it. Jim said Tim Swope, Right of Way Agent, is here from the county to help answer questions. He also noted the neighbors are in favor of the staff recommendation and they liked the idea of adding bike lanes.

Allyn Feinberg asked Jim to clarify where the trees are. Jim referred to the map in the memo. Tom Isaacson asked where the extra seven feet of Right of Way (ROW) is coming from, the county is asking for 15 ft, but only needs 8 ft. Tim Swope said the row of trees is right between and in the middle of the diagram and the extra room is for all the stuff needed in addition to the road so it is not butting up against the existing fence. He said it has to do with the height and width of the current road, there will be no asphalt or road on this part of the property it will be ditch. Shelley Dunbar asked if the easement that exists goes with this to the county. Jim said yes.

Public Comment

Leon Shaw, Boulder, said he lives on Niwot Rd. and brought pictures to show the Board a better view of the road. He said it is a wonderful idea and please vote yes.

Return to the Board

Tom Isaacson asked if the ranchers have been contacted. Jim said he has not contacted them, but Andy Pelster may have. Allyn Feinberg said she thinks the Board needs a better reason to dispose of Open Space than 'they are our friends at the county.' John asked what the residual value is of the fee interest knowing that the county has the ROW on it. Jim said this land's market value with the easements is virtually nil. OSMP paid \$4,500 an acre when

purchased, but when he looked at this and weighed the value of this piece of land, disposing of the land was the most logical choice. He said if the Board decides the county should pay, that can be discussed. John suggested requesting the county put in a couple of pull offs where there can be OSMP informational signs, when they add the bike lane. Tom asked if there is value for owning the land under the road. Jim said staff would like to get the property in fee so they own it, OSMP may not want to own land where the county has a road and a bike path. Allyn said, in general, she is supportive of a bike lane on county roads though it is not an Open Space interest, but if it could somehow be used for Open Space benefit, then it should be considered. Jim said if Allyn wants to make a motion suggesting staff charge the county for the residual acreage, it can be done. He is unsure if the county will agree to the pull-offs. Tim said the county is more than willing to do what they need to. Allyn said she is okay with the staff recommendation without putting a number to the underlying road line easement value. Mike Patton said they could use the number and use John's idea with the pull outs. Allyn asked if they pay the 10-15 percent to the landowners on other properties. Tim said yes. Jim said that value comes to about \$5,200 an acre. Allyn said this might be a way to use that money to split the cost of the interpretive pull offs. Mike said staff can match those funds. Frances asked if these easements are rentals, if there is regular income coming in for them. Jim said they are not and no. Allyn said this is subject to checking the math and made a motion with an "*" next to the amounts (amounts have been clarified since the meeting). The Board and staff discussed the wording of the motion and agreed on the motion as stated below.

MOTION

Allyn Feinberg moved the Open Space Board of Trustees to approve and recommend to City Council the conveyance of these parcels totaling 2.513 acres upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Payment to the Open Space Fund of \$29,184 as value for the lands being conveyed for the .837 net new acres and \$8,800 for the remainder of the 1.676 subject to the road-way easements.**
- 2) Boulder County will comply with and obtain all necessary permits associated with all City of Boulder prairie dog ordinance requirements.**
- 3) The understanding of the payment of the additional money for the 1.676 acres of land already subject to the county's road-way easement is for the City and County to work together to develop pullouts with interpretive signage related to OSMP agricultural lands and their management.**

Tom Isaacson seconded the motion. The motion passed as amended unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6– Open Space and Mountain Parks recommendation for the Flagstaff portion of the US Pro-Cycle Challenge bicycle race management plan.*

Mike Patton presented the memo and asked the Board to make a recommendation for the City Manager. She will be handling the race administratively. He said the race will finish on OMSP land. In a sense, the sheriff has turned over rights to county roads to the city for this race. He said there are a lot of unknowns: how many people will show up, how people will get on and off the mountain and what the rules are.

Addressing how people get on and off the mountain, Mike Patton said; Baseline Rd. will be closed to vehicles at 5 p.m. the evening before the race to people who do not have a driver's license to prove they live in that area. There will be a sweep of the mountain to remove any vehicles past that point and vehicles will be towed. Referring to the map he showed where the roads will be closed and where access points will be. No camping will be allowed, but OSMP will not prohibit people from moving through there. The recommendation at this point is not to close the mountain. Marshals are being provided by the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), volunteers and staff will monitor the area. Mike explained that some areas will be barricaded for safety and natural preservation purposes. He explained access to the race: the View Point Trail to Panorama Point will be pedestrian only, on Flagstaff Rd. bikes and pedestrians will be allowed. Bicycles are allowed at the race and this a question that has come up from council. Bike corrals have been proposed, staff thinks bicycles can be managed reasonably. Mike explained, using the map, how people will come down the mountain after the race. The proposal is for on trail use only.

Mike Patton described the stations for fire trucks, medical units etc. along the raceway using the map. Dean provided an explanation regarding the setup of the finish area. He described resource protection areas and what staff is proposing to protect those areas. Dean said expenses will be managed in each section of the race by the entity in charge of that area. He let the Board know a few people will be spending the night on the mountain for security reasons and to get the infrastructure in place.

Frances Hartogh asked if open flames or cooking will be allowed on the mountain. Dean Paschall said no, especially if there is a fire ban in the area. In that case, ignition devices (lighters for smoking) and smoking will be prohibited. Staff does not know what the catering plan is, but there are ways that this can be done without flames. The rules that go through, apply to everyone.

Mike Patton discussed administrative responsibilities, the City Manager's Office (CMO) is looking at compiling things that really apply to everyone and staff is looking at things that apply specifically to OSMP. There will be no camping on OSMP property, no glass containers, alcohol has a 3.2 limit, there will be no dogs after 5 p.m. He said a question for the Board is, should bikes be allowed. Staff has planned to allow them, but the Board can discuss this. He also asked the Board to comment about the use of wristbands, which will clarify the community expectations for behavior and whether there should be a limit to the number of people on the mountain. Mike said permits are not going to apply on race day. Frances asked if alcohol will be sold on the race route. Dean said not on the race route, but in the VIP and the finish area because one of the sponsors is a brewery. He noted the CMO asked for this information and they are taking care of the permit issue.

Andrew Shumaker, LOC, gave some background about the race and said the Open Space aspect of this is a big deal to them. He said the top three Tour de France racers wanted to come here instead of Spain, this is the second biggest event short of the Stock Show in Colorado. This race will be televised in over 200 countries and will bring in \$80 million in direct revenue. He said the location sets the canvas for the race and of the 27 cities that vied for this race only 12 got it. In addition, Lance Armstrong and former Governor Ritter got behind having it here. Governor Hickenlooper made this race a holiday and the state has put forth great effort. The goal is to make it one of the top five cycling events in the world. It was formed by the founders of Quiznos and Smashburger who sponsor the event and subcontract the work for these events to local organizations. The organizing committee is a group of volunteers and most cities have city resources behind them. He was asked by the former governor to get involved in this race. The goal of having it in Boulder is because it is the birth of professional cycling in the United States. He said the city is taking no risks and is trying to educate people about Boulder and OSMP. The wristbands are meant to educate the public and show how differently Boulder treats the mountains and open space. Therefore, it will be an example for other countries and places. The people who come will agree to follow a code of conduct, but generally, this is a good crowd. He noted a cost recovery mechanism could be charging for the wristbands, but that idea came with a high backlash. The LOC recommended not charging for wristbands. However, they feel seeking donations is appropriate, and somehow making it advantageous to have a wristband.

Allyn Feinberg asked if staff anticipates access via Chapman Dr. Mike said no. Dean Paschall said there will be someone stationed there to prohibit access. Allyn also asked if Flagstaff Rd. is a county road; from Flagstaff to the summit is OSMP's. Mike said yes to both questions.

Tom Isaacson asked what the plan is for cleaning up after the race. Mike said it is not finalized; it is a broader issue than Open Space. Tom asked if there is a barrier from the roadway. Mike said from Realization Point to the summit there is a consideration, but not between Panorama and Realization Points. Tom also asked if hang gliders are allowed on Flagstaff Mountain. Mike said no. Tom asked if the restaurant will be open. Mike said yes, but customers will not be able to drive up. Shawn McGrath said he is working with the owner on how to get customers and staff up to the restaurant on the day of the race. Tom asked where the wristband check is. Mike said the two most logical points are Gregory Canyon and Panorama Point. Mike said how that is going to work is not settled. If the city decides to have a limit or charge the wristband becomes an entry ticket. At this point, showing the band is all that is required. Frances asked about checking backpacks for lighters. Mike said when staff has done it for July 4, there is always a fight and legal issues. She said when people went to see President Obama, it was not an issue. Mike said staff can re-examine it, but it is a problem every year on July 4 and there are staffing issues that would have to be considered.

Shelley Dunbar asked about the wristband, if people have to get them in advance or if they will be available as soon as they park. Andrew said the hope is to have people get them well in advance. He said they are working with local facilities to figure out where to get a wristband. Shelley asked when Flagstaff Mountain will be reopened after the race. Mike said the plan is to reopen the mountain and the road once the fans along the road have cleared the site. Shawn said racers should all be finished by 3:40, and after all of the TV cameras and people have moved, the road should be reopened by 6 p.m. Shelley said there should be communication to the public about when this will all take place. Mike said staff will be posting all of the OSMP regulations up on the OSMP Web page linking to the city's page for the broader issues. Shelley asked if trails reopening will coincide with the city's plan to reopen its closed off areas. Mike said yes. Shelley asked what the current alcohol regulations are. Dean said 3.2 and no glass containers; the limit is a state law. Dean said, with regards to wristbands, there will be a control point where the code of conduct will be stated, for supplying and checking wristbands, and telling people to take their dogs home.

Frances Hartogh asked what the penalties are for breaking the rules, and suggested they should be published. Mike said the penalties vary based on the violation and that rangers will be enforcing. Boulder police presence will likely not be past Gregory Canyon. Enforcement will be done by rangers and they will be charged with protecting public safety. John asked if a ranger would issue a ticket if there is a closure violation. Eric said yes and clarified that the rangers should be patrolling and looking out for public safety rather than checking back packs. Frances asked who will clean up and who will inspect after the race is over and who bears the responsibility for damage to natural resources if they occur. Eric said this area was picked because it is a well defined trail and that time of the year the plants are not in bloom, staff has done as much as they can to keep people on the asphalt to reduce the effect of trampling. He is concerned about Gregory Canyon, but he does not think many people will make it that far on foot. Staff has really tried to focus on where there are sensitive areas. Part of the fire plan is to have helicopters available on standby and the fire will be priority if one should start. Eric said the restoration efforts can be documented by photos before and after the race and the city will cover the costs. Mike clarified the city will be responsible. Frances asked if staff is tracking those costs. Mike said they are being tracked right now.

Andrew Shumaker clarified if bikes are allowed up; it keeps people on the asphalt. Andrew said the race is contracted to provide waste disposal and the experience with other cities has been the host city is left in as good or better condition than before the race. Frances Hartogh asked if there is a plan for evacuating the mountain if lightening should strike. Andrew said the VIPs can go by shuttle or they can walk, but there is not an evacuation plan for lightning. Mike said public safety is the reason they will have the fire trucks and all OSMP resources will be on the mountain that day. Tom Isaacson said it would take a tremendous storm to halt this race. Eric Stone said if there were health emergencies on the mountain, there is strategic placement of rangers and EMS staff should something happen. John Putnam asked about Medi-vac. Mike said the fire department is working with Flight For Life. Eric said this has not been finalized. Mike said there is a hope to have a helicopter at the summit. Getting back to another of Frances's questions, Mike said OSMP has already contracted for over 300 trash and recycle receptacles. Andrew added that the most likely person to get hurt is a racer and they have tremendous resources to get them down the mountain; that same motorcade can take people down. Tom clarified this race will only be about 40 minutes verses hours and hours like the Bolder Boulder. Frances asked what time they anticipate spectators will head up the mountain. Andrew said most people are going to be watching from downtown. Frances asked if it is a Board duty to approve expenses for something like this. Mike said the Board makes a recommendation to council and the Board's approval is important. Mike said the city will not know what the costs really are until after the race is over, and it is pretty clear this is a use of Open Space that does not fulfill an Open Space purpose. However, OSMP needs to be behind the race to make it successful. He said after the costs are tallied, OSMP will go to council with those expenses. Frances asked about the arrangements with LOC in terms of what the expenses are and if these are in writing. Mike said the department does not have an arrangement with the LOC. Mike noted the wristband idea was brought up by the LOC to defray costs. Andrew said that is true, one of the goals of the wristband program was to generate funds to defray costs.

Allyn Feinberg asked if there has been discussion about training volunteers about Open Space. Mike Patton said when staff has a clear number of volunteers there will be two parts: the what and the why of enforcement. Andrew Shumaker said volunteers are going to be referred to as Race Marshals. Allyn asked if staff knows how many people will show up and if the number of marshals is dependent on how many people show up. Mike said marshals

and other volunteers will be trained together. Allyn said she has concerns about the use of Gregory Canyon, is there a way to create an alternative. Mike said staff thought if there were multiple ways to get down, it would minimize the impacts. Mike said this is a better and more safe way to manage the area, keeping people on the road is not feasible. Allyn asked if most people are expected to make it to Realization Point. Mike said he does not know, staff has seen a lot of different estimates for the number of people who will come. Tom Isaacson said on Lookout Mountain last year, no one walked the equivalent distance to Realization Point, they were 100 percent bikes. Andrew said at Lookout Mountain it averaged about 90 percent bikers. Mike said if the city does a good job of communicating the rules, this crowd will be amiable, noting Golden had a great experience. Dean Paschall clarified going down will be less controlled so, staff is trying to compensate for that.

Shelley Dunbar asked about the media coverage and if they have been notified about the rules regarding Open Space and the placement of their cameras, vehicles and equipment. Andrew Shumaker said there may be stationary cameras on the road, most of the footage is on motorcycles on the road and filmed by helicopters. Dean said camera crews will be on hard surfaces.

John Putnam asked if Shawn or Andrew thinks it would be reasonable to limit the number of people/wristbands. Andrew said if the numbers are in excess of 20,000 to 30,000 then more discussions would need to take place. The estimate is between 10,000-30,000 people, 20,000 is a comfortable estimate but people will not know until the race happens. There are issues with cutting the limit because the locals would get all the bands first and people from out of town are at a disadvantage. John asked about the prohibition of competitive events on OSMP. He read from the Boulder Revised Code and asked if council will have to amend this and how the city would make an exception here. He asked what will happen with future requests. Allyn said she agrees and noted lots of things are being ignored for this race, where does the city draw the line for future events? Mike said this is one of those events that had a very high interest; council will have to answer those questions. He commented that staff is in self-defense mode to protect the system and resources, but will learn from this and be supportive of what council decides. Mike noted the Board's recommendations will be edited live so the Board, staff and public see what the final recommendations are.

Public Comment

Karen Hollweg, Boulder, speaking on behalf of Friends of Boulder Open Space (FOBOS), thanked staff for thinking of the land and environment. She commends plans for closing Open Space trails in the area, having spectators agree to a code of conduct and allocating staff for visitors and crowd control. FOBOS has a concern regarding the use of Gregory Canyon, it is a riparian corridor and it is a designated natural area; the recommendation is to open some on-trail access. Flagstaff and View Point trails make sense for descending, but they are concerned for the precedence it will set by allowing use of this trail.

Susan Douglass, Boulder, said she is concerned about OSMP not having funding to repair the damage that will be done. She is concerned that people may not obey the code of conduct. She also is concerned about Andrew Shumaker's comment about this race being a "money loser."

Return to the Board

After much discussion surrounding the Board recommendations to council, the following motions were edited in real-time on the council chambers monitors. All motions being recommended to council passed unanimously except for the motion regarding the trails being used for descending the mountain after the race. John Putnam voted against the amended staff recommendation because he thought it should include the use of Gregory Canyon as an option and Frances Hartogh voted against the amended staff recommendation because it still included other trail options for going down the mountain, specifically portions of the Flagstaff Trail.

MOTION

The OSBT generally supports the plan contained in the memo from the April 30, 2012 OSBT meeting with the following concerns and recommendations:

1. The resolution of the unresolved issues come back to the OSBT Board and therefore back to the public.
5-0 passed unanimously
2. Council and the City Manager's Office (CMO) should ensure OSMP costs are reimbursed.

5-0 passed unanimously

3. City Council adopts the necessary ordinance or variance to BRC 8-8-10 for this particular event and state the reasons supporting making the exception for this one competitive event.

5-0 passed unanimously

4. Consider having council provide specific guidance relating to other OSMP regulations and policies to which an exception would be necessary for this event (for example commercial use, signs and advertising) **see Attachments A and B**. Furthermore, address concerns that approval of this event could set a precedent for future events.

5-0 passed unanimously

5. Allow egress on trails, per staff proposal, except for Gregory Canyon.

3-2 (Frances and John declined)

6. Communicate to the public about how to handle emergency situations.

5-0 passed unanimously

7. Encourage the use of reusable water containers and to bring your own water.

5-0 passed unanimously

8. Encourage enhanced safety on the descent.

5-0 passed unanimously

9. The city and OSMP should evaluate opportunities to advance OSMP's mission through communication.

5-0 passed unanimously

10. The department should explore all of the "green event" options available.

5-0 passed unanimously

11. City Council and staff evaluate a limit on attendance on Flagstaff.

5-0 passed unanimously

12. OSBT supports bike access to Flagstaff Mountain.

5-0 passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.
Draft minutes were prepared by Kesha Robitaille.